

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5, 14-18 and 28 without prejudice.

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Original) A method for managing multiple interpretations from a single contract in a client-server environment, the method on a server comprising the steps of:

receiving from at least one client information processing system metadata to a contract which has been previously executed by two or more parties, wherein the metadata represents critical items as defined by the at least one client information processing system;

receiving from the at least one client information processing system one or more rules based on the metadata that represents critical items; and

executing at least one of the one or more rules based on the metadata.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, further comprising the step of:

sending a notification to at least one client information processing system after executing at least one of the one or more rules.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein in the step of sending a notification includes sending an e-mail notification to at least one client information processing system after executing at least one of the one or more rules.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the step of receiving from at least one client information processing system metadata wherein the

metadata is selected from a group of contract metadata consisting of terms, conditions, dates, and payments.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 6, further comprising the step of:
receiving a user login that permits access only to predetermined areas of the contract upon which only metadata in the predetermined areas of the contract is subsequently received.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 10, further comprising the step of:

receiving a user login that permits access only to predetermined areas of the contract upon which rules in the predetermined areas of the contract can be subsequently executed.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the step of receiving from at least one client information processing system metadata wherein the metadata is parsed from the contract previously executed by two or more parties and the metadata is delineated by XML tags in the contract itself.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the step of receiving from the at least one client information system one or more rules wherein the rules are selected from a menu driven template that is presented on the at least one client information system.

Claims 14-18 (Cancelled)

19. (Original) A computer readable medium containing programming instructions for managing multiple interpretations from a single contract in a client-server environment, the programming instructions on a server information processing system comprising the programming instructions comprising:

receiving from at least one client information processing system metadata to a contract which has been previously executed by two or more parties, wherein the metadata represents critical items as defined by the at least one client information processing system;

receiving from the at least one client information processing system one or more rules based on the metadata that represents critical items; and

executing at least one of the one or more rules based on the metadata.

20. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 19, further comprising the programming instruction of:

sending a notification to at least one client information processing system after executing at least one of the one or more rules.

21. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 20, wherein in the programming instruction of sending a notification includes sending an e-mail notification to at least one client information processing system after executing at least one of the one or more rules.

22. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 19, wherein the programming instruction of receiving from at least one client information processing system metadata wherein the metadata is selected from a group of contract metadata consisting of terms, conditions, dates, and payments.

23. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 19, further comprising the programming instruction of:

receiving a user login that permits access only to predetermined areas of the contract upon which only metadata in the predetermined areas of the contract is subsequently received.

24. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 23, further comprising the programming instruction of:

receiving a user login that permits access only to predetermined areas of the contract upon which rules in the predetermined areas of the contract can be subsequently executed.

25. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 19, wherein the programming instruction of receiving from at least one client information processing system metadata wherein the metadata is parsed from the contract previously executed by two or more parties and the metadata is delineated by XML tags in the contract itself.

26. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 19, wherein the programming instruction of receiving from the at least one client information system one or more rules wherein the rules are selected from a menu driven template that is presented on the at least one client information system.

27. (Original) A method for managing multiple interpretations from a single contract in a client-server environment, the method on a client information processing system comprising the steps of:

presenting on a graphical user interface, metadata to a contract which has been previously executed by two or more parties, wherein the metadata represents critical items as defined by the at least one client information processing system;

selecting metadata based on a users preference;

sending the metadata to a centralized processing hub;

prompting on the graphical user interface, one or more rules based on the metadata that represents critical items;

sending the one or more rules entered to the centralized processing hub; and

receiving a notification when at least one of the rules sent to the processing hub has been executed for the contract.

Claim 28 (Cancelled)